

Date: September 6, 2002

In re Application of Doerr et al.

Application No. 09/771,430

Filed: January 26, 2001

For: HANG TAG AND METHOD OF APPLYING HANG TAG TO AN ELONGATED OBJECT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Petition for Extension of Time☒ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).☐ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.☒ No additional claim fee is required.☒ Other: Amendments to Claims Made in Response to Office Action Dated May 6, 2002; Pending Claims After Amendments Made in Response to Office Action Dated May 6, 2002; Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 of Christopher E. Doerr.

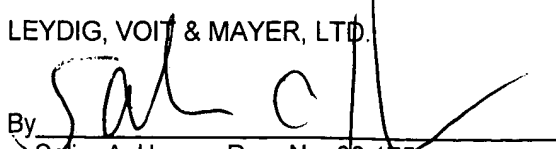
The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks, along with the attached Rule 132 Declaration of one of the inventors, Christopher E. Doerr. This response is timely since it is accompanied by a one-month extension of time for filing a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claim with:

14. (Twice Amended) A hang tag capable of automatically and permanently being attached to an elongated object by a machine having at least one jaw suitable for applying a securement strap to an object, the hang tag comprising:

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